

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT/IMPORT OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity and value of fruits and vegetables imported and exported by India during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether fruits and vegetables are being imported in spite of decaying 20 to 50% vegetables and fruits in the country;
- (c) if so, the estimated loss suffered by the farmers of the country due to import of vegetables and fruits; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken by the Government to ban import of vegetables and fruits in Indian seas vegetables and fruits are not get decayed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) The data on quantity and value of fruits and vegetables imported and exported by the country during the last three years are contained in the publication 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India: Volume-I (Exports), Volume-II (Imports)-Annual Number' published by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, which is available in the library of the Parliament.

(b) to (d) Imports of all items including fruits and vegetables, are permissible as per the Exim-Policy and procedures laid down in the Handbook of Procedures. Some of the fruits and vegetables being imported in the country may not be indigenously available. The Quantitative Restrictions (QRs), which were earlier maintained on balance of payment grounds have been removed in line with the economic liberalization policy and also in accordance with the Country's commitment to multilateral trading regime. Domestic production of any commodity is seldom a ground for imposing restriction on import of such commodities. Additionally, the imports of all primary agricultural products have been subjected to a Bio Security and Sanitary & Phyto-Sanitary import permit to be issued by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation as per condition of Plants, Fruits and Seeds (Regulation of import into India) Order, 1989.